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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF DESIGN ENGINEERS CONTRACT AT

WAFWA AMAL

1. MRS. SADAT'S PERSONAL SECRETARY TELEPHONED TODAY TO ASK THAT I ATTEND CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT 1300 WITH AMERICAN DESIGN ENGINEERS, PERKINS AND WILL, AND HER FAITH AND HOPE HOSPITAL. I POINTED OUT THAT I WILL BE TAKING CODEL SOLARZ TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AT 1200 AT THE BARRAGES AND WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE BACK IN TIME. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, HER SECRETARY PHONED AGAIN TO SAY MRS. SADAT WILL DELAY SIGNING CEREMONY UNTIL I GET THERE. SHE IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT I BE THERE.

2. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BE PRESENT. SITUATION IS A BIT AWKWARD, ESPECIALLY AFTER AISHA RATEB'S COMMENTS FOLLOWING HER RETURN FROM HER TRIP TO WASHINGTON, THAT A US COMMITMENT EXISTS TO FINANCE THE FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY HOSPITAL.

3. I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MEET WITH RATEB SINCE MY RETURN TO STRAIGHTEN HER OUT, BUT HOPE TO DO SO IN NEXT FEW DAYS. I WILL TAKE CARE TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION THAT MY PRESENCE AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY REFLECTS A US COMMITMENT BEYOND OUR LONG-STATED
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